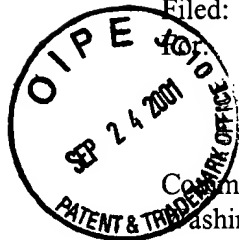


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: **Robert Vogel et al.** Confirmation No.: **3579**
 Application No.: **09/858,328** Group No.: **2131**
 Filed: **May 15, 2001** Examiner: **Unassigned**
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTHORIZING THE
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Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, DC 20231

September 17, 2001

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of one month to respond to the Office Action dated July 17, 2001.
2. Applicant is ☒ a small entity; ☒ other than a small entity.
3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

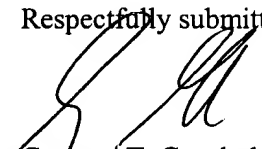
	Total Months Requested	Fee For Other Than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$390.00	\$195.00
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<input type="checkbox"/>	four months	\$1,390.00	\$695.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	five months*	\$1,890.00	\$945.00

*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory
 limit for response to an Official Action.

Fee Enclosed \$__

- ☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any additional
 extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,



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